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Washington, D.C. 20505

Intelligence Community Staff

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MEMORANDUM FOR: SIG(I) Committee on Requirements and Priorities

FROM:

Executive Secretary, SIG(I)

SUBJECT: SIG(I) Committee Meeting - 10 August 1983

1. The material enclosed is for your use at the 10 August 1983 meeting to approve a new list of National Intelligence Topics (NITs) of Current Interest. In response to concerns raised by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy) two versions of the NITs are provided. One (Tab A) is a compilation of inputs as received from each policy element, indexed by appropriate subject category; the other (Tab B) eliminates repetition and organizes the inputs by category.

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2. Each of the attached versions is divided into two sections--Section 1 includes the five highest priority topics from each policy element; Section 2 consists of topics submitted in addition to the allotted five. In some instances, the additional topics submitted by a policy element were similar in content to a priority input of another policymaker. In these cases, where possible, each of the additional topics was included as a sub-topic under a priority input if they added a new dimension to a substantive problem. Some or all of the topics in Section 2 that were not subsumed under a priority input may be added to the basic set of new NITs included in Section 1 if the Committee believes high priority attention is warranted. In both versions, policy elements submitting and/or contributing to a particular topic are identified in the left margin of each page and the reporting category (i.e., Category A -- reporting within six months, Category B reporting in from six to twelve months) assigned to the topic is identified at the end of each topic description by the corresponding letter designator.

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3. At the SIG(I) Committee meeting, the DDCI will request that the principals determine which of the attached documents (i.e., Tab A or Tab B) will be disseminated as guidance to the Community for the next Fiscal Year (October 1983 to September 1984), and which specific changes are necessary in the version selected. The DDCI would also appreciate your views on the procedures (e.g., limiting the number of topics submitted to five, new format for submitting the NITs) used in the formulation and assembly of the proposed NITs.

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Attachments:

Tab A

Tab B

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